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     <http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/915447-overview>.

**INFORMATION:**

Author’s credentials:

The author of this article is certified in forensic psychiatry, child psychiatry and general psychiatry. He also specializes in evaluating emotional trauma in children and adults.

Scope and purpose of the work:

The purpose of this article is to inform the reader on different types of mental disorders that amount from childhood abuse.

Intended Audience:

This article is good for a general audience but because it was written by someone who specializes in the field it would really be helpful for other therapist or maybe parents.

**SUMMARY**

Thesis or main idea:

The main idea of this article is to show the different disorders that child abuse causes later in life.

Summary of main arguments:

The author argues that Reactive Attachment Disorder is a common mental health issue that arises from child abuse. He says there are two parts to Reactive Attachment Disorder.

**EVIDENCE**

Summary of evidence:

In the authors research he mentions that attachment disorders often the result of negative experiences with caregivers since infancy, which is the most important time to form a bond with a child. Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD) usually shows when a child is young and they usually have problems forming appropriate bonds with others. The first type of RAD is called inhibited RAD which is when the child has insecure attachments or low self- confidence and they use psychological defenses such as avoidance to avoid disappointments with the care giver. The child will not respond appropriately to social situations because they have not had a chance to develop at least one attachment with a reliable caregiver. The other part of RAD is called disinhibited RAD. With this part of the disorder the child has repeatedly lost multiple caregivers. They are very friendly with strangers and will accept comfort from anyone who will give it to them. The author also talks about reversed attachment disorder which is when the parent looks to the child for comfort and security.

**EVALUATION**

Evaluation of research:

The research in this article was okay, some of it confused me because it seemed like he was saying one thing in one section but in a different section he was saying the complete opposite.

 Evaluation of scope:

I think the topic was addressed well. He stayed focused on the topic and provided good information.

Evaluation of author bias:

I do not feel like the author was biased in this article because this is not really a topic on which you can be biased really. He simply provided information on the subject.

**REFLECTION:**

This article was very informational and will benefit me in my research paper.